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**BIGAMIST AND THIEF.**

That is What Pittsburg Woman Calls John Taggart.

"Rev." John Taggart is again in the limelight. His former wife, Mrs. VanHorn, whom he recently visited in Bloomsburg and then disappeared as mysteriously as he came, has just received a letter from a Pittsburg woman, who says Taggart married her sister. She died in July about the time the ecclesiastical fraud was romancing about Bloomsburg. When he left he took with him five diamond rings belonging to his wife, or the last woman who supposed she was his wife. The woman gave Mrs. VanHorn a little of the fellow's history, showing that since he left her, he has been married to at least three other women.

**TO LIGHT SHICKSHINNY.**

A special meeting of the Shickshinny borough council was held last week, Tuesday night to consider the proposition of the Columbia Power, Light and Railways Co. to furnish the town with electricity from Harwood to light the town. As is well-known the plant is worn out and may go to smash at any time says the *Echo*. In June the taxpayers at a special election voted not to furnish money for a new plant.

The Columbia people have offered to run a line to the plant and deliver the current there at 3 cents per kilowatt if less than 60,000 kilowatts are used each year. If the consumption is over 90,000 the price will be 2 1/2 cents for a 24 hour service. This is subject to a 30 per cent. deduction for leakage. Current is offered at a flat rate of \$50.75 for the arc light on a seven year contract this price to include the installation of new lamps, the present ones being worn out, and require nearly double the amount of current to run them that new lamps will consume.

A. W. Dwy and Mr. Pobe appeared for the Columbia parties and Isaac P. Hand, the borough attorney, was present. The contract was found to be legally unobjectionable. A goodly number of taxpayers attended the meeting. There was considerable discussion in which outsiders took a hand. No conclusion was arrived at and an adjournment was taken until last night.

**Major Nutt Famed Barnum Dwarf.**

Rodnia Nutt, last male survivor of P. T. Barnum's famous midget troupe, and who as a member of that dwarf combination became known all over this country and in England, died last week at his home in Dorchester, aged 69 years. Since retiring, 19 years ago, "Major" Nutt, as he was known, had conducted a successful real estate business. He was a brother of "Commodore" Nutt, with whom he traveled, under the auspices of Barnum, and who died in 1881.

These two midget brothers have been seen in Bloomsburg on several occasions, some years ago. As our memory runs they traveled with a company of which Mrs. Tom Thumb and Minnie Warren were members.

**To Form Township Spelling Leagues.**

County Superintendent Evans has formed plans for township leagues, fashioned much after a base ball league, in which schools will hold contests in spelling and rapid addition. He introduced last year the county debating league. Intense interest was manifested and great crowds attended the various debates in the county on the same night.

**TROLLEY EXTENSION.**

The Local Company May Reach Wilkes-Barre and Sunbury before Long.

It is said that it is the intention of the Columbia Power, Light and Railways Company to extend their lines to Wilkes-Barre and Sunbury at some time in the not far distant future. Certain it is that this progressive company will not be content to stand still. Its splendid management in the hands of aggressive men of affairs will soon carry it beyond the limits of its present territory, and we may confidently expect to see it become one of the strongest electric corporations in the state.

Improvements are now going on in every department. A force of 60 men has been engaged recently in erecting new poles between here and Danville. It is probable that the Columbia & Montour power plant here will again be put in commission temporarily until power can be obtained from Harwood, and that the current will be supplied from here to light Danville, and the electric light plant at that place will close down.

In every move since the consolidation of the several companies the new organization has shown that its intentions are for betterment all along the line, both in equipment and service, and while there has been a great deal to do, the improvements are being made just as rapidly as possible.

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**VICTIM OF TYPHOID.**

Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beckley of Harrisburg, died in a hospital in that city on Tuesday, from typhoid fever. He was fourteen years of age. He is survived by his parents, a twin brother, Daniel, an older brother, Harry, and sister, Winifred.

He was attacked with illness about three weeks ago while visiting at Shickshinny, and on going home the disease was pronounced typhoid, and he was placed in a hospital.

He was born here, and only a few weeks ago was here on a visit.

**CONCERT.**

The Llanely Royal Welsh Prize Choir will give a concert in the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, October 21st. This company consists of twenty-six voices, every one an artist. They have sung before King Edward and Emperor William. It will be a rich musical treat.

**LATE STRAWBERRIES.**

Three large luscious strawberries were picked on E. J. Brown's patch on Monday. They were exhibited in the show window of Vial's tobacco store.

**Stone Mill Over Century Old.**

Built a hundred and fourteen years ago and still used for the purpose of grinding chop and the storing of grain the old stone mill located along the creek just outside of Catawissa and owned by J. H. Geary, is one of the oldest and most remarkable buildings in this section of the state. The mill was built in the year 1795 by Christian Brobst, a brief account of whose life is now in the possession of his grandson, John Brobst, of Catawissa, which was then in Northumberland county. Early in life, he settled at that place and soon began the erection of the mill, having nothing but a rude lot of tools to work with.

**Football News.**

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**THE MAN IN THE STAGE.**

A Tragedy of the Olden Days in New York City.

A good many years ago, long before skyscrapers and rapid transit were thought of and New York was just a big growing town, they used to tell a story that was ghastly enough to curdle the blood of the most skeptical and to keep people of nervous temperament awake of nights.

The tale went that of a summer night a husband and wife, returning home from the theater, entered a Fifth Avenue stage far downtown and for many blocks were the only occupants. A little above Fourteenth street, however, the stage came to an abrupt stop, the door was opened, and three young men entered. One of the three had evidently been drinking heavily, for his companions were obliged to help him to his seat. The door was closed behind them, and the stage continued its journey northward.

About ten blocks farther on one of the young men rose and, bidding his friends good night, stopped the stage and alighted. A few minutes later the second of the three said, "Well good night, Dick," pulled the strap, stepped to the sidewalk and walked off through one of the side streets. There remained in the stage only the husband and wife and the young man who was obviously under the influence of liquor and who sat in a crouching attitude in a corner of the stage under the dim flickering lamp.

After a time the husband noticed that the young man's head seemed to be drooping as if in sleep, and, fearing that he might be borne beyond his destination, he rose, tapped him on the shoulder and called attention to the number of the street they had just passed. There was no response, and the husband repeated his words, leaning over as he did so. Then he suddenly straightened up, turned to his wife and said quickly, "We will get out here."

She began to protest, but he simply repeated the words, pulled the strap and helped her to alight. As they stood under the corner lamppost she turned questioning and asked him why he insisted on getting out of the bus so far below their destination.

"Because," he replied, "that young man's throat was cut from ear to ear."

**Politeness.**

Politeness consists in concealing from other people the fact that they annoy you.

If a man springs up from his seat in a crowded car to give it to a woman, that is politeness. If he permits his wife to drag a chair from one room into the other, while he is smoking and reading the evening paper, that is innocent absorption.

It pays to be polite—when it doesn't cost anything.

Politeness originated in the garden of Eden, when Adam fell merely to oblige Eve. (And yet they say that man is selfish!)

We should always be polite to our inferiors—in the presence of our superiors. Nothing is more effective.

The man who is truly polite never forgets himself. Such a man, if he is obliged to kick another man down-stairs, will always see that his hat is sent out to him.

Children are naturally impolite, until they are taught that they cannot hope to make much money without.

Always be polite when you are borrowing money from a friend. Remember that it doesn't cost anything to give him the impression that you are going to pay him back.

There are two kinds of politeness: politeness to yourself and politeness to others.

When you come home late at night, for example, even if you are very tired, always remove your hat and coat before getting into bed. It is little attentions like this that constitute you a gentleman. At the same time, do not disturb your wife if you can possibly avoid it. It is the height of rudeness to awaken a sleeping lady.

The polite man is always welcome everywhere. That is, almost everywhere—except at a bargain-counter, a fire, or a financial panic.

Then he is *de trop*. THOMAS L. MASSON in *October Lippincott's*.

**Many Noted Runners Invited**

Berwick Marathon association will send out this week one hundred invitations to runners throughout the State, inviting them to compete in the annual Marathon race which will be held on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.

**A Dollar Limit on Checks.**

When Charles Farwell was Senator from Illinois he acquired possession of two checks signed by Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, for sums less than a dollar in each case and framed them and hung them up in order to make merry over them, because he regarded the writing of a check for nineteen cents or sixty-five cents as petty and ridiculous, and he disliked Mr. Harrison exceedingly. But it never occurred to him or to any other human being that the drawing of checks for the fractional part of a dollar ought to be made a penal offense. Yet under a law which Congress passed last winter Mr. Harrison might have been fined \$500 and sent to jail for six months for each of those two checks.

In all the history of fool legislation it would probably be impossible to find anything more grotesque than this. If felonies ought not to be created except under grave necessity, what shall be said of the idiocy of making a felony out of the exercise of a natural right which has been utilized time out of mind and which is the business of no one except the person who draws the check, his creditor, who is willing to accept it, and the bank that holds the deposit and is willing to bother with so small an item? Section 178 of an act to codify, revise and amend the penal laws of the United States, which will become a law January 1, next, reads as follows:

"No person shall make, issue or circulate or pay out any note, check, memorandum, token or other obligation for a less sum than one dollar, intended to circulate as money or to be received or used in lieu of lawful money of the United States; and every person so offending shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months or both."

A man has the same natural right to settle a bill for eighty-two cents with a check that he has to pay a bill for \$82 by a check, the creditor being willing to accept the payment and the bank offering no objection to the smallness of the item. The Government has no right to interfere with the fractional check. For transmission by mail the check is a great convenience; money orders and drafts are often troublesome to procure; they are always less convenient to a person with a bank account than his check, and while many dealers do not want small checks sent to them, and in some places like New York the charge for collection is a heavy commission on a small check, that is wholly a matter for the parties concerned. The mail order houses are glad to have small checks sent to them, and if they are willing to take them it is none of the business of the United States of America.

Finally, the penalty is preposterous. Two cent rate laws have been set aside by the Courts because the penalties provided were oppressive. What could be more oppressive than a fine of \$500 and six months in jail for writing a check for ninety cents especially if it is to go by mail, through which it is quite out of the question to send ninety cents in money?

The law is an offense against common sense, and it should be repealed on the first day of the next session of Congress.

*Phila. Record.* Since the above was in type somebody at Washington has decided that this law does not mean what it says, and is not applicable to a check on a bank. A test case will soon be made.

**Duty on Aeroplanes.**

That the Payne tariff law will subject aeroplanes imported into this country to a duty of 40 per centum ad valorem is indicated by a reply which has been sent by the customs division of the Treasury Department to an inquiry from Ernest LaRue Jones, of New York, editor of an aeronautical publication. There is no specific provision in the tariff law for the assessment of a duty on flying machines, but the customs officials, assuming that the motor is the most valuable part of an aeroplane, expressed the belief that the basket clause of the metal schedule will govern the duty to be levied upon aeroplanes.

The Wrights have named a price of \$7500 on their machines, and the duty on one of the Wright aeroplanes built at their British or French factories, therefore, would be \$3375.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg Pa., Post Office. Michael Anderson, Harold Long, Messrs. Bloom Bros., Mr. Richard Metherill, Mrs. A. Edwards, Mr. G. R. Wheeler, Mr. H. L. Goodbar, Mr. Louis J. Weigand, Mr. A. W. Linden, (2) Cards Mr. Thomas Reese Jr., Miss Mary Robbins, Linsman Whitmer.

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